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**AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE ENDS -- Pravda, No 92, 2 Apr 49**

The 3-day conference of administrative workers of the automobile and tractor industry USSR was concluded on 1 April. S. A. Akopov, Minister of the Automobile and Tractor Industry USSR, presented a report on the 1949 plan. The ministry fulfilled the 1948 plan 115 percent and exceeded the pre-war level in gross production. Output of automobiles, tractors, ball bearings, motorcycles, bicycles, and spare parts increased considerably in 1948. More than one half of all the automobiles produced in 1948 were of a new type.

Among those who participated in the discussion following the minister's report were Khlamov, director, Gor'kiy Automobile Plant imeni Molotov; Kli-menkov, director, Vladimir Tractor Plant; Dayenin, director, Moscow Plant of Low-Powered Automobiles; Makoyed, chief engineer, Stalingrad Tractor Plant; and others. Likhachev, director of the Moscow Automobile Plant imeni Stalin, reported that the plant, for the first time in automobile history, had converted to production of a new automobile without stopping the assembly line.

**CHELZYABINSK TRACTOR PRODUCTION JUMPS -- Izvestiya, No 79, 5 Apr 49**

The workers of the Kirov Plant in Chelyabinsk have achieved great progress in the first quarter. The plant produced many heavy-duty S-80 caterpillar tractors and 400,000 rubles' worth of spare parts above plan. In January and February the Kirov workers gave 17 million rubles to the State and saved about 4 million rubles above plan.

**KHARKOV TRACTOR PLANT COMPLETES PLAN -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 74, 30 Mar 49**

The Kharkov Tractor Plant fulfilled the first-quarter plan for production of tractors and spare parts 28 March 1949.

**KARELO-FINNISH SSR GETS NEW AUTO-REPAIR PLANT -- Leningradskoye Znamya, No 25, 6 Feb 49**

Construction will start this year on a new automobile-repair plant in Petrozavodsk which will handle 1,000 major repair jobs per year. The needs of the Karelo-Finnish SSR for automobile repair will be completely met when the new plant is put into operation. Land on the northern border of the city has been cleared for construction of the plant, and the Government has allocated 1,585,000 rubles for construction in 1949. The "Promstroytrest" (Industrial Construction Trust) drew up all the plans and estimates for the plant.

**KAUNAS WORKERS PUT OUT AUTOBUSES -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 78, 3 Apr 49**

Workers of Kaunas Motor Vehicle-Repair Shop have put out five new autobuses from savings effected in repair work. They have fulfilled obligations assumed in honor of the Sixth Congress of the KP(b) of Lithuania and have promised to issue two additional autobuses by 1 May.

Regular autobus passenger service will be established soon between Kaunas and Utena, Kaunas and Panevezhis, Kaunas and Yul'khas, and Kaunas and Ukmerge.

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